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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 April 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/27/02, 7/15/04
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 18 is objected to because it is a computer program claiming dependency to claim 15, which is a method. It is assumed that this is a typographical error and claim 18 is intended to claim dependency to claim 17 and will be treated as so for the remainder of the examination.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

4. The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

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5. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lytle et al. (hereinafter Lytle), US 2002/0188683.

6. Lytle teaches an electronic mail system, comprising:

a first storage unit operable to store a plurality of contents data (Paragraphs [0081-0082], [0114], [0121], [0130] and [0135]);

a second storage unit operable to store a mail template having a screen for forming an electronic mail and a layout of said contents on said screen (Paragraphs [0006], [0118], [0134-0135] and [0193]); and

a controller operable to select a portion of said contents data in response to a user's input (Paragraph [0024-0025] and [0149-0150]), to form an electronic mail file with said portion of contents data added thereto (Paragraphs [0003], [0005], [0016] and [0194]), and to form an electronic mail for displaying said screen on a display with said portion of said contents data arranged according to said mail template (Paragraphs [0023], [0125-0127], [0134-0135] and [0193-0194]).

7. As per claim 2, Lytle teaches an electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein

said mail template further includes a dialog screen relating to said contents data and answer options in said dialog screen (Paragraphs [0134-0138]); and

said controller is operable to display said dialog screen on said display with said answer options arranged therein (Paragraph [0131]), to form answer data in response to said user's inputs (Paragraphs [0151-0152]), and to form said electronic mail file with said answer data added thereto (Paragraphs [0137-0138], [0204] and [0211-0212]).

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8. As per claim 3, Lytle teaches an electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein said contents data is at least one of text data, still picture data, motion picture data, and sound data (Paragraphs [0081-0082]).

9. As per claim 4, Lytle teaches a method forming electronic mail having contents data added thereto, comprising:

loading a mail template having a screen for forming an electronic mail and layout information for the contents data on the screen, the contents data being a target to be added thereto (Paragraphs [0003], [0006], [0118], [0125-0127], [0134-0135] and [0193-0194]).

displaying the contents data according to the screen and the layout information (Paragraphs [0006] and [0193]);

allowing a user to select any of the contents data (Paragraphs [0006], [0131] and [0137-0138]); and

forming an electronic mail file with the selected contents data added thereto (Paragraphs [0204] and [0211-0212]).

10. As per claim 5, Lytle teaches a method for forming electronic mail according to claim 4, wherein the mail template further includes a dialog screen relating to the contents data and answer options in the dialog screen, the method further comprising:

displaying the dialog screen with the answer options arranged therein (Paragraph [0131]);

allowing the user to select any of the answer options (Paragraphs [0006], [0131] and [0137-0138]); and

forming the electronic mail file with the selected answer options added thereto (Paragraphs [0204] and [0211-0212]).

11. As per claim 6, Lytle teaches a method for forming electronic mail according to claim 4, wherein the contents data is at least one of text data, still picture data, motion picture data, and sound data (Paragraphs [0081-0082]).

12. Claims 7-9 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 4-6 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

13. As per claim 10, Lytle teaches a computer-readable recording medium in which a computer program according to claim 7 is recorded (Paragraphs [0080-0081]; Pages 23-24, claims 24-28).

14. As per claim 11, Lytle teaches a computer readable recording medium in which a computer program according to claim 8 is recorded (Paragraphs [0080-0081]; Pages 23-24, claims 24-28).

15. As per claim 12, Lytle teaches a computer readable recording medium in which a computer program according to claim 9 is recorded (Paragraphs [0080-0081]; Pages 23-24, claims 24-28).

16. As per claim 13, Lytle teaches an electronic mail system, comprising:
a first storage unit operable to store second contents data relating to first contents data (Paragraphs [0081-0082], [0114], [0121], [0130] and [0135]);

a second storage unit operable to store a mail template having a screen for forming an electronic mail and a layout of said second contents data on the screen (Paragraphs [0006], [0118], [0134-0135] and [0193]); and

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a controller operable to form an electronic mail with a portion of said second contents data added thereto in accordance with said mail template based on a viewing of said first contents data by a user (Paragraph [0003], [0005], [0016], [0023-0025], [0125-0127], [0134-0135], [0149-0150] and [0193-0194]).

17. As per claim 14, Lytle teaches an electronic mail system according to claim 13, wherein said second contents data is at least one of text data, still picture data, motion picture data, and sound data (Paragraphs [0081-0082]).

18. As per claim 15, Lytle teaches a method for forming electronic mail having second contents data relating to first contents data added thereto, comprising:

loading a mail template having a screen for forming an electronic mail and layout information for the second contents data on the screen, the second contents data being a target to be added thereto based on a viewing of the first contents data by a user (Paragraphs [0003], [0006], [0118], [0125-0127], [0134-0135] and [0193-0194]); and

forming an electronic mail file with the second contents data added thereto in accordance with the mail template (Paragraphs [0204] and [0211-0212]).

19. As per claim 16, Lytle teaches a method for forming electronic mail according to claim 15, wherein the second contents data is at least one of text data, still picture data, motion picture data, and sound data (Paragraphs [0081-0082]).

20. As per claim 17, Lytle teaches a computer program for forming electronic mail having second contents data relating to first contents data added thereto, the computer program controlling a data processing unit to perform the steps of:

loading a mail template having a screen for forming an electronic mail and layout information for the second contents data in the screen, the second contents data being

a target to be added thereto based on a viewing of the first contents data by a user (Paragraphs [0003], [0006], [0118], [0125-0127], [0134-0135] and [0193-0194]); and forming an electronic mail file with the second contents data added thereto in accordance with the mail template (Paragraphs [0204] and [0211-0212]).

21. As per claim 18, Lytle teaches a computer program according to claim 15, wherein the second contents data is at least one of text data, still picture data, motion picture data, and sound data (Paragraphs [0081-0082]).

22. As per claim 19, Lytle teaches a computer-readable recording medium in which a computer program according to claim 17 is recorded (Paragraphs [0080-0081]; Pages 23-24, claims 24-28).

23. As per claim 20, Lytle teaches a computer-readable recording medium in which a computer program according to claim 18 is recorded (Paragraphs [0080-0081]; Pages 23-24, claims 24-28).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following patents and publications are cited to further show the state of the art with respect to "Electronic Mail System And Method For Forming Electronic Mail".

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| i. | US 4,713,780 | Schultz et al. |
| ii. | US 6,360,252 | Rudy et al. |
| iii. | US 6,212,553 | Lee et al. |

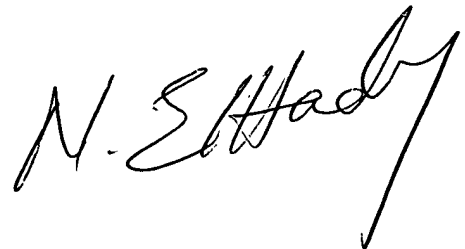
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April 27, 2005

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